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LEVEL AND US "ASSOCIATION"

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE HAVE OBTAINED A LETTER REPORTING ON THE
MUNICH MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HARMONIZATION
(CCH) OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
(CEPT). IN THE LETTER IT IS SUGGESTED THAT US OFFICIALS WRITE
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCH INDICATING US INTEREST IN THE HAR-
MONIZATION PROGRAM WITH PROPOSALS FOR A METHOD FOR CONTACTS.
END SUMMARY.

2. SMULIAN, THE EC COMMISSION TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION
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CHIEF, HAS GIVEN US A COPY OF A LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM MARINO

BENEDETTI OF THE ITALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM REGARDING A DISCUSSION ABOUT US GOVERNMENT "ASSOCIATION" WITH THE CEPT THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE JULY 2-3 MEETING IN MUNICH OF THE CCH (SEE REFTEL A). A COPY OF THE LETTER HAS BEEN AIR POUCHED TO EUR/RPE ATTENTION BRESSLER. A SUMMARY OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN SUMMARY OF LETTER: PARTICIPANTS AT THE JULY 2-3 MEETING OF THE CCH DISCUSSED IN AN UNOFFICIAL, INFORMAL WAY THE US GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN BECOMING IN SOME WAY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CEPT HARMONIZATION PROGRAM. THE FIRST REACTIONS RANGED FROM "CAUTION" TO "OPENLY PLEASED" WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF THE WORK TO INCLUDE RELATIONS WITH US REPRESENTATIVES. ALTHOUGH THE CCH IS THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO DEAL WITH HARMONIZATION PROBLEMS INVOLVING PARTIES OUTSIDE THE CEPT, IT WAS THOUGHT ADVISABLE THAT THE CEPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION BE INFORMED OF US INTEREST. CEPT HAS ALWAYS RULED AGAINST THE ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS TO THEIR WORK BUT OTHER FORMS OF CONTACT AND RECIPROCAL INFORMATION COULD BE ENVISAGED.

4. BENEDETTI FEELS THAT THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING IN CONTACT WITH AMERICAN REGULATORY BODIES DURING FUTURE HARMONIZATION WORK IS TO BE WELCOMED AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED. HE RECOMMENDS THAT PARRY OR GOLDMAN OF THE FCC WRITE A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCH, MR. HAIST, INDICATING THE ASPECTS OF THE CCH PROGRAM THEY FIND INTERESTING AND THEIR SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTACTS. (SMULIAN HAD NOT INFORMED BENEDETTI OF THE USG DECISION ON THE COORDINATION OF US POLICY TOWARD THE CEPT REPORTED IN REFTEL B.) A COPY OF THE LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO MR. LARSSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE CEPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THE LETTER FROM THE US OFFICIALS THE MATTER COULD BE FORMALLY DISCUSSED DURING THE NEXT CCH MEETING IN NOVEMBER IN MUNICH AND AT THE TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION'S EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY IN DECEMBER IN MALMO SHOULD THERE BE ANY GENERAL POLICY PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY OF LETTER.

6. HAIST MAY BE REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

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LARRSON'S ADDRESS MAY BE FOUND IN REFTEL C.

7. SMULIAN DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY DIFFICULTY IN SOME KIND OF USG ASSOCIATION WITH THE CCH. HE WILL BE SEEING LARRSON LATER IN THE SUMMER AND WILL INFORM HIM THAT THE EC

COMMISSION BELIEVES IN THE BROADEST POSSIBLE CONTACTS
WITH THE USG.GREENWALD

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